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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-13 and 15-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-13, 15 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 - 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The limitation “entirely plating each of the vanes” contradicts the limitations in claim 16 upon which claim 17 depends as claim 16 recites “plating only joints portions of the vanes” at lines 8-9. Clarification and correction are required.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-13, 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Lee (US 5,090,613) or Kurokuzuhara (JP 63-271845) (both previously cited).

Lee shows a magnetron for microwave ovens, comprising: an anode cylinder 2; a plurality of vanes 10 arranged in a radial direction inside of the anode cylinder, each of the vanes being plated with brazing material; one or more rings 12 to connect with the plurality of the

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vanes and to electrically connect the plurality of vanes to each other; and an antenna 6 connected to one of the plurality of vanes and radiating microwaves generated from the plurality of vanes, wherein each of the vanes is brazed to one or more of the anode cylinder, of the one or more rings and of the antenna. Similarly Kurokuzuhara also shows a magnetron and the method of making a magnetron comprising: an anode cylinder 1; a plurality of plate-shaped vanes 2 radially arranged along an inside surface of the anode cylinder 1; one or more strap rings 4 to electrically connect the plurality of the vanes to each other; and an antenna 5 connected to one of the plurality of vanes to radiate microwaves generated from the vanes; wherein each of the vanes is plated with a brazing material to be brazed to one or more of the anode cylinder, of the one or more strap rings and of the antenna (see Figures 1-3 and the English abstract). It is pointed out that Lee or Kurokuzuhara shows plating the entire vanes with a brazing material, therefore either one of them meets the claimed “the brazing material is plated on joint portions of each of the vanes” as the limitation does not limit the plating only on the joint portions. It should be noted that claims 2, 8 and 17 all recite “entirely plating”. Therefore, Lee or Kurokuzuhara shows every feature as claimed except for the explicit showing of the plating depth of the brazing material. However, it is a basic engineering principle to determine an optimal amount of brazing material to use to obtain an acceptable brazed product with minimum cost. It is well known that the amount is a tradeoff between cost and quality of the brazing operation and brazing materials, such as silver, are very expensive, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Lee or Kurokuzuhara to use just enough of the brazing material for a good brazing process in order to keep the cost at the minimum. The exact amount can be easily determined by an ordinary artisan through routine trial and error experimentation.

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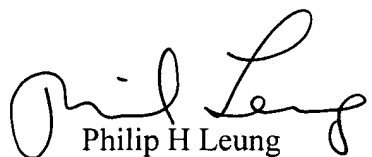
5. Claim 16 is allowed.

6. Applicant's arguments filed 3-22-2006 have been fully considered but they are not entirely persuasive. As set forth above, the limitation "the brazing material is plated on joint portions of each of the vanes" does not define over Lee or Kurokuzuhara as the plating of the entire vanes with a brazing material (as claimed in claims 2, 8 and 17) still meets the claimed limitation as the limitation does not limit the plating only on the joint portions. Only claim 16 which is limited to "plating only the joint portions" define over the art of record as argued.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip H Leung whose telephone number is (571) 272-4782.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on (571) 472-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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